GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:606
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2000
DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of total demand and supply of chemicals and fertilisers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of domestic production of chemicals and fertilisers as against their demand in the country;

(d) the names of countries from which chemicals are imported alongwith the quantity thereof;

(e) whether the country has not become self sufficient in the field of chemicals; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken to attain the State of self-sufficiency in this field ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.606 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9.5.2000

(a) & (b): Urea is the only fertiliser which is under price, movement and distribution control at present. Its demand is assessed by the Government at the beginning of each season. In respect of other major fertilisers viz. Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP), the demand is assessed but no allocations are made. The demand and supply of these fertilisers in 1999-2000 were as under:

(lakh MTs)

Product	Demand (Provisional)	Supply (Provisional)	Consumption
Urea	217.18	226.51	209.51
DAP	66.26	79.26	66.98
MOP	28.25+	33.98	21.06++

\+ Including 6 lakh MTs for captive use.
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However, the demand of chemicals is not assessed.

(c) & (d): The percentage of domestic production of fertilisers in nutrients during 1999- 2000 is given below:

(lakh MTs)

Nutrient	Demand	Production	%age of domestic production
Nitrogen (N)	118.86	109.10	92
Phosphate (P)	47.53	33.64	71
Potash (K)	17.33	-	0

Since the country has no known commercially exploitable resources of potash, the demand for potash is met entirely through imports.

Almost the entire demand of major chemicals like Soda Ash, Caustic Soda,Calcium Carbide, Liquid chlorine, Carbon Black etc. is met by domestic production.

The details of the imports made of major chemicals in the country are:

('000 MTs)

Name of the chemical	Qty. imported in 1998-99	Major countries from which imported
Soda Ash	193.4	Kenya, China, Rumania, Bulgaria
Caustic Soda	94.4	Pakistan Iran, USA, Japan, Indonesia
Cal. Carbide	16.3	Bhutan, Indonesia, Malaysia, China
Methanol	113.7	New Zealand, S.A, Iran Indonesia
Phenol	38.5	USA, Singapore, Egypt, Indonesia

(e) & (f): The country is largely self sufficient in the production of basic chemicals. It is the continuing endeavour of entrepreneurs to take up production of those chemicals for which there is demand.